# Montessori Child Development Center

# NEWSLETTE



# **Happy Valentine's Day**

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14. The children may bring a Valentine note or card for their friends. To make it easier to pass out their Valentines, fill it out as "TO MY FRIEND" and "FROM (Child's Name)."

Snack will be served. Be sure to pack a lunch. A snack sign up will be posted on the bulletin board in some classrooms. Parents are welcome to volunteer to read a story, help set up or clean up, and do arts and crafts. Please check the sign-up sheet for details or speak to your child's teacher.

To make this day more festive, be sure to dress your child in red or pink. The festivities will start at 9:30 and end at approximately 11:00. Each class may have a different schedule, so be sure to check with the teacher if you are planning on volunteering.

#### **Parent-Teacher Conference**

Please sign-up for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent-Teacher conference on Monday, February 12. Your child's teacher will discuss your child's progress and goals for the second term. This is a great time to ask questions and learn more about the foundational lessons being presented to your child to prepare him or her to the next level.

The school will be closed that day, and daycare will be available during your conference time only.

### **Lunar New Year**

We will ring in the Lunar New Year on Friday, February 16 with a parade of handmade lanterns, drums, dragons, and noise makers. We will celebrate the year of the dog with arts and crafts, story time, and dance. The parade begins at 9:30. The festivities will continue in the classroom until 11:30.

Each classroom will discover how Lunar New Year traditions are celebrated around the globe. We encourage parents who celebrate Lunar New Year to bring in something that represents how you celebrate it at home or share traditions through stories or pictures. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to share something to the class. Parents could volunteer by doing arts and crafts, teaching a particular song or dance, talking about the significance of the New Year and why it is celebrated, passing out treats, or help setting and cleaning up.

Children are encouraged to wear their traditional attire or the color red or yellow, as this represents the color of luck. A potluck sign up is posted in each classroom. Lunch and snack will be served. We will not be ordering pizza on this day.

## **February Calendar**

Friday, February 9-100 Days of School celebration

Monday, February 12 – **Parent-Teacher Conference** (School Closed. Daycare during conference time only.)

Wednesday, February 14-Valentine's Day Celebration

Monday, February 19-President's Day (School Closed)

Thursday, February 22 – **Spring Pictures** 



The school will be closed on Monday, February 19 th in observance of Presidents' Day.

## **Food Allergens**

We had been informed about a new food allergen that can cause severe allergic reactions, similar to that of peanuts. This food is buckwheat. It can be found in snacks, pasta, noodles (soba), breads, to name a few. Since children are still developing their immune system, they can develop an allergic reaction to this food.

As with all potluck items, include an ingredient list. Please do not bring items containing buckwheat to potlucks since we would not know if the children will be allergic to it. MCDC is a peanut free school as well.

Buckwheat is a major food allergen in Japan and Korea triggering severe reactions.

#### **Self Portrait T-shirts**

Be sure to order your shirts by Friday, February 23. Orders will be sent to the printers by Monday, February 26. These adorable and most popular shirts will only be printed and ordered once during the school year. These shirts are special ordered and the school will not be ordering any extra shirts. Drop off your form and payment in the envelope by the sign in and out computer.

## **Flu Prevention**

It is flu season and many of our students have gotten ill from it. If your child has the flu, fever, or is sick, he/she needs to be fever-free or symptom—free for <u>24 hours</u> before returning to school. Do not give your child fever reducing or cough medicine while in school.

### Thank you!

Thank you for encouraging your child to bring non- disposable items such as water containers, reusable utensils, cloth napkins, and placemats. Children learn to conserve and take care of their planet.

#### Extra-Curricular Activities

#### Dance -

Monday (4-5s) Wednesday (3-4s,

Elementary)

Thursday (5-6s) Friday (Elementary)

#### Sports -

Tuesdays at 3 -3:30

#### Tae Kwon Do –

Wednesdays 3 – 3:30 Elementary 3-40-4:10

**Soccer Shots-**

Thursdays at 3 -3:30

<u>Tennis</u> –

Fridays 2:30 -3:00



# Happy Birthday!

**3 Years** Scarlett Cass 2/22

> 4 Years Sasha 2/10 Sai 2/27

5 Years
Shalin 2/21

<mark>7 Years</mark> Nehemyah 2/18

> 8 Years Grace 2/7 Alessio 2/10

Staff Ms. Jen 2/3